

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 8 and 10 - 43 are pending in the present application. Claim 9 was previously canceled.

On 15 JUN 2005, 16 JUN 2005 and 5 JUL 2005, Applicant and Examiner Pesin participated in an interview to discuss the application. Applicant thanks Examiner Pesin for making time for the interview.

In the Office Action, claims 1 – 8 and 10 – 43 are rejected based on disclosures of U.S. Patent No. 6,239,806 to Nishiumi et al. (hereinafter "the Nishiumi et al. patent"), U.S. Patent No. 6,323,884 to Bird et al. (hereinafter "the Bird et al. patent"), and U.S. Patent No. 5,874,941 to Yamada (hereinafter "the Yamada patent"). The application contains six independent claims, namely claims 1, 22, 23, and 27 – 29. Applicant amended each of claims 1, 22, 23, and 27 – 29 to clarify an aspect of the claims that is neither disclosed nor suggested by any of the Nishiumi et al. patent, the Bird et al. patent or the Yamada patent. During the teleconference of 5 JUL 2005, **Examiner Pesin agreed that this amendment distinguishes the claims over the art of record.**

Claim 1 provides for a method of selecting an object by controlling movement of a focus on a graphical display. The method includes, *inter alia*, receiving a signal from a dual-state button having a single depressed state, for moving the focus in a given direction.

Applicant submits that none of the Nishiumi et al. patent, the Bird et al. patent, or the Yamada patent discloses or suggests receiving a signal from a dual-state button having a single depressed state, for moving the focus in a given direction, as recited in claim 1. Thus, claim 1 is both novel and non-obvious over the cited references.

Independent claims 22, 23, and 27 – 29 each include a recital similar to that of claim 1. As such, Applicant submits that each of claims 22, 23 and 27 – 29 is also novel and non-obvious over the cited references.

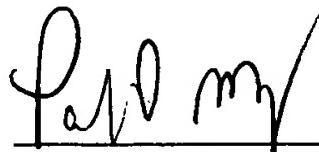
Claims 2 – 8, 10 – 21 and 30 - 42 depend from claim 1, and claims 24 – 26 and 43 depend from claim 23. By virtue of these dependencies, claims 2 – 8, 10 – 21, 24 – 26 and 30 – 43 are also novel and non-obvious over the cited references.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1 – 8 and 10 – 43.

As mentioned above, Applicant amended claims 1, 22, 23, and 27 – 29 to clarify an aspect of the claims that is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record. Whereas the art of record neither discloses nor suggests this aspect, Applicant submits that the doctrine of equivalents should be available for all of the terms of all of the claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims presented in this application patentably distinguish over the prior art. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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